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SMITHVILLE MARKET
(Circa 1870)
Dunkirk
Private

Named in 19th century records as "Smithville Market," this property is said to have been the site of a slave market. No structures remain from that period; however, there is a fine late Victorian house constructed circa 1870. A two-story porch has been removed from the front and there have been interior alterations, but the house retains its character through its high ceilings, tall windows, bay window, deep cornices and bracketed eaves.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Smithville Market

AND/OR COMMON

Pickwick**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

(MD Route 4) Southern Maryland Boulevard

CITY, TOWN

Dunkirk

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Calvert**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☒ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☒ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☒ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Donald E. Davenport

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE.

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

STREET & NUMBER

Liber #: ULB 6

Barn

Folio #: 495

JLB 115

175

3.76 A1

CITY, TOWN

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Based upon the oral history gathered on this house from older residents of the area as well as members of the Chaney family, it is learned that Dr. Thomas M. Chaney built this house on land which he bought from D. P. Smith. Record Book SS5, 292 indicates that David P. Smith sold "Smithville Market" to Dr. Chaney September 20, 1869. Tradition holds that there was a slave market on this site and hence the name. The record books refer to it as "Smithville Market."

If Dr. Chaney began building his house near the time that he bought the property, it is correct to date it c. 1870. The rear (E) wing is said to have housed his office while the rest served as a residence.

Judging by some of the materials in the house such as the plaster ceiling decorations, this was once a rather fine house.

The building is essentially a two story L-plan. The front (W) portion is three bays wide and one deep while the rear (E) wing is three bays wide and two deep. The exterior is presently covered with aluminum siding but the original white clapboards are underneath. The roof is metal with deep corniced and bracketed eaves which are typical to the mid and late Victorian periods. Also, typical of the period is the spreading and almost irregular plan with porches and polygonal window bays jutting out here and there. A front porch with a second story deck and rail has been removed.

The plan of the front (W) portion provides for two rooms downstairs and two upstairs with a central hall separating the rooms. The plan of the rear (E) wing has been altered to accommodate a modern kitchen bathrooms etc. Although it is possible that the L-plan was original, there is some evidence to suggest that the east wing is a later addition, the strongest being the visible shingle nails in the attic or structural members of the front portion. These are cut nails. There are also some very wide boards which are white-washed used in the attic, and they suggest the use of older materials from another structure. There are foundation beams in the cellar which are hand hewn and similarly whitewashed.

On the same property are some other buildings worth mentioning. South of the house and also on Route 4 is a shop which utilized some of the materials salvaged from the 1920's store which was demolished as a result of the construction of the east lanes of Route 4 in the 1960's. Behind this building is a shed which was also moved back several yards at the same time. A stable was demolished and some of its materials incorporated into the store.

East of the shop on top of the hill is a tobacco barn. It is said to have been built "40 or 50 years ago," by Mr. Dowell, a neighbor. It measures 40' by 60' and has a gambrel roof. The present owners have converted this barn into an antique shop and furniture refinishing business and appear to have found a successful adaptive use for what is usually a difficult type of building to reuse.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .52 ac and barn 3.76 ac

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

ORGANIZATION

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

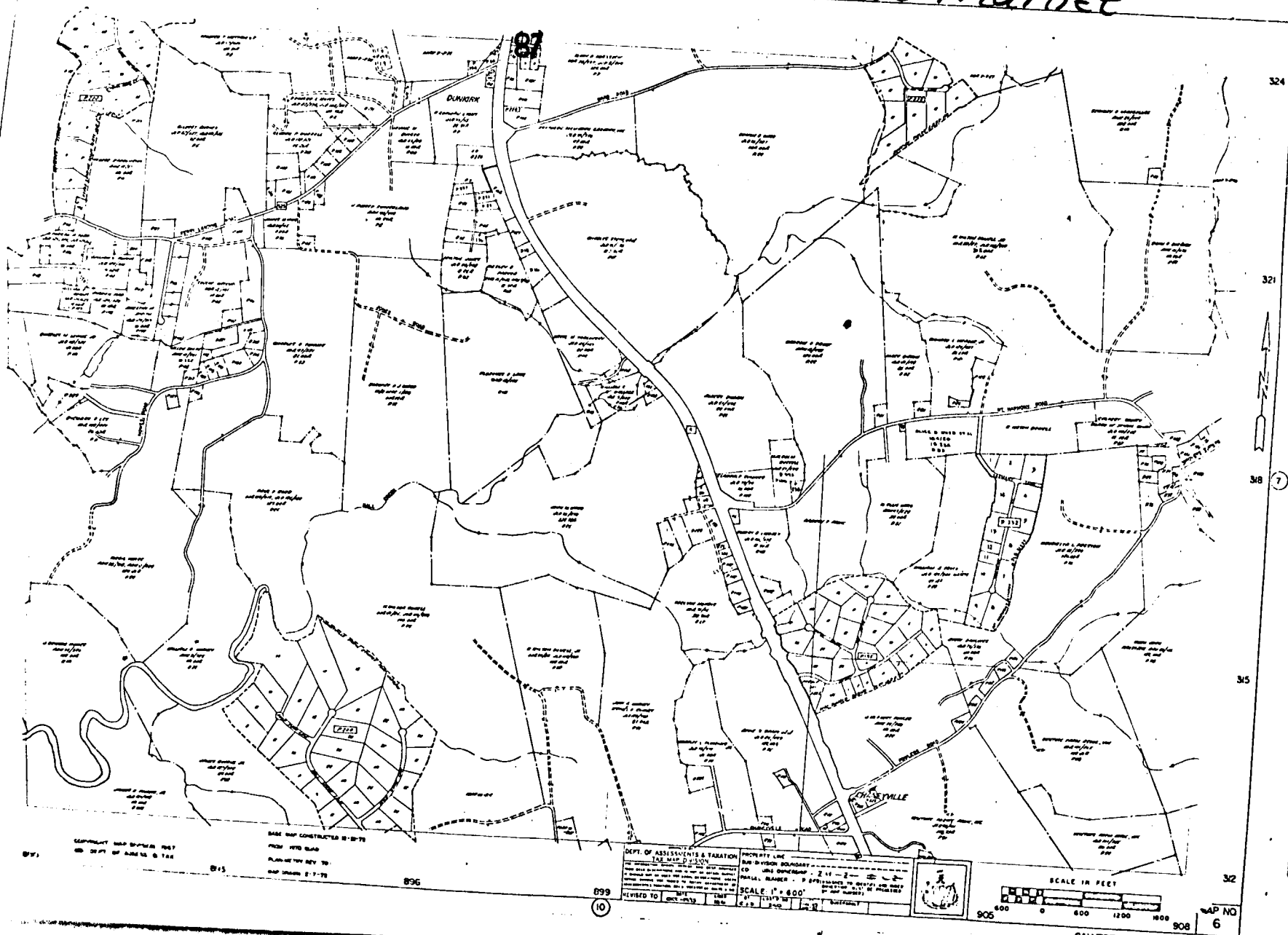
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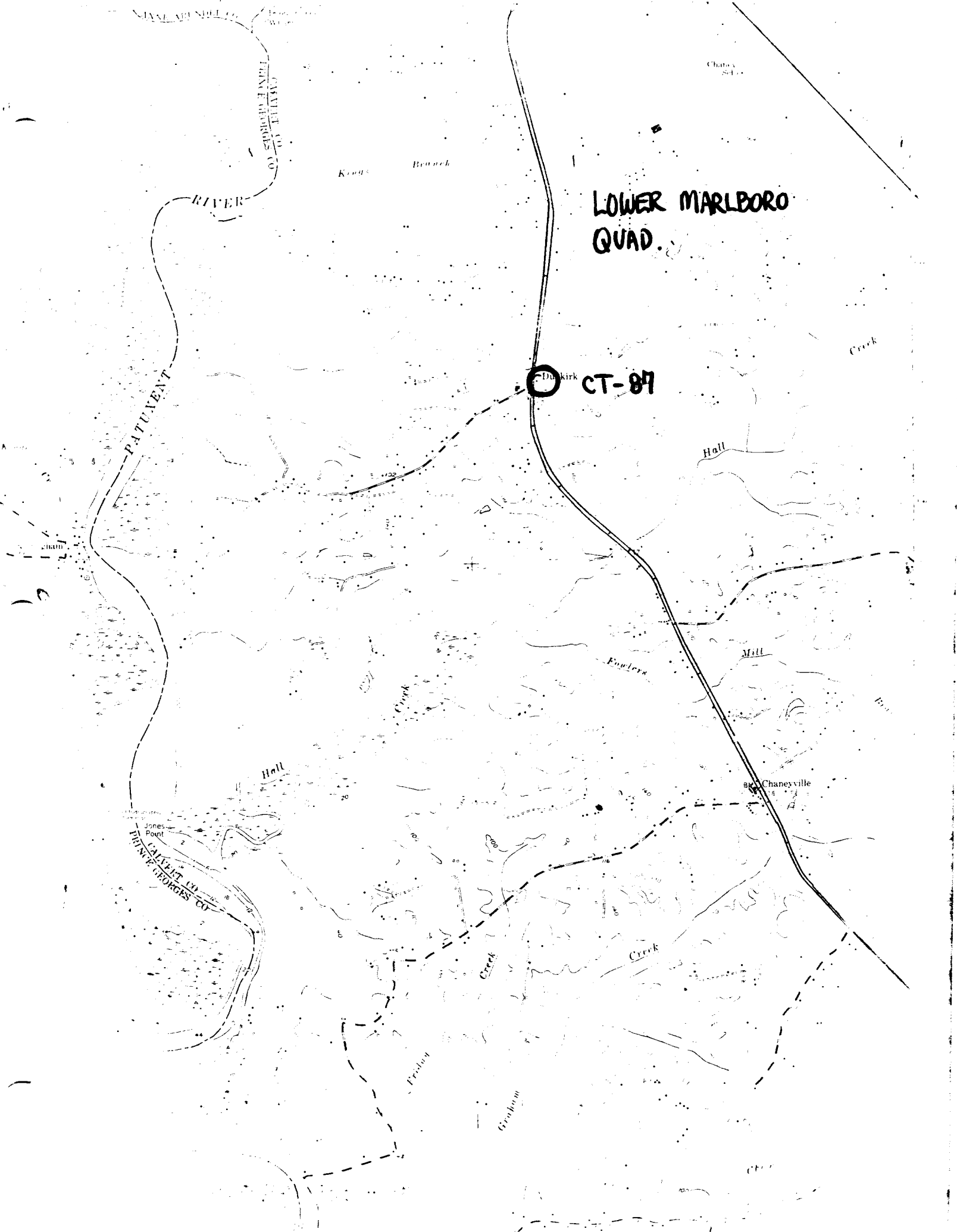
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LOWER MARLBORO
QUAD.

Dunkirk CT-87

PATUXENT
RIVER

Kears Branch

Hall

Mill

Fowler

Hall

Chaneyville

Jones Point

PRINCE GEORGES CO

Creek

Creek

Graham



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W.N.



Penwick Square

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W. N.